

EXAMPLES OF BULK TAGGING, COMMINGLING, AND INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING PLANS

This is a good description of a bulk tagging plan.

Harvesters fishing in a single harvest area land quahogs at a local wharf. The quahogs are palletized, and a bulk tag will accompany each pallet of product from each harvester. Pallets will be piled to a total of 36 bushel bags and iced, if necessary. The quahogs will be shrink-wrapped. The bulk tag will be placed between the wrap and bagged quahogs so it can be easily read when approaching any side of it. The quahogs are transferred from the wharf to the company cooler, using a certified vehicle. Bushel bags are retagged with dealer tags at the time of shipment. The bulk tag is attached to the purchase order form and is kept on file for one year. We will be getting these quahogs from harvesters: Joe Smith, License # 000, and Joe Clam, License # 00000.

This is a good description of a commingling plan.

When purchasing shellstock from harvesters, Cool Clam Company may commingle lots of shellstock from the same harvest date or the same harvest area, as per commingling regulations. Commingled lots are also identified during intermediate processing, using a shellfish tag filled out to indicate which areas or dates have been commingled. Records will be maintained to indicate this information as well. This information will be maintained in the tags and records of our intermediate processing, so tracability will be maintained. Commingling and intermediate processing tags will be kept on file for one year.

This is a good description of an intermediate processing plan.

Cool Clam Company packs the shellstock into various containers for shipment. We make efforts to use only one lot of shellstock at a time; however, we may have to change lots at times to fill orders. Intermediate processing labels, filled out with the lot information, are put in the appropriate totes to make sure lots aren't commingled prior to packing and shipping.

During packing, shellstock from one lot will be placed into a sorting tote, and then placed into appropriate-sized packaging for the order. Regular customers have packaging labeled with one of our completed dealer tags. If the order will be going to a retail store, the small packages will not be individually tagged; they will be wrapped into one large pack. One dealer tag will be placed inside the large pack, and one will be placed on the outside of the main package. The tags will contain: harvest date, original dealer code, and general shellstock tag information. Records will be kept on the number of individual packages in the large pack, and the total weight.

Any leftover product from the lots will be stored on a separate pallet and identified with an intermediate processing lot label. Amounts of leftover product will be noted on the label. The product will be saved in the storage area until needed. Records will be maintained to ensure tracability of leftover product as it is packed into future orders.